

## National Security Guard (NSG)

The National Security Guard (NSG) is one of the special forces of India involved in counter-terrorism. In this article, you can read all about the National Security Group (NSG) for the UPSC exam. Various internal security forces and their mandates are an important part of the [UPSC syllabus](#).

### National Security Guard

The NSG is a special force of India that was raised in 1986 to deal with anti-terrorist activities in the country.

- In the wake of Operation Blue Star in 1984, the government felt the need for a special anti-terrorist force in India.
- Accordingly, in August 1986, a bill was passed introduced in the Parliament for the creation of this organisation. It received presidential assent on 22 September 1986, when the NSG formally came into being.
- It is considered a federal contingency force that has been given the specific task of handling all forms of terrorism in India.
- The NSG is modelled on the GSG-9 of Germany and the United Kingdom's SAS.
- It is a task-oriented force whose primary philosophy is 'swift and speedy strike and immediate withdrawal from the theatre of action'.
- It comprises two complementary elements:
  - Special Action Group (SAG) - comprising Army personnel
  - Special Ranger Groups (SRG) - comprising CAPF and State Police forces personnel
- NSG is an elite force whose personnel receive tough and extensive training.
- NSG is directly under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
- NSG Motto: Sarvatra Sarvottam Suraksha
- NSG personnel are also called Black Cats because of their black uniform and black cat insignia on their uniform.
- There is no direct recruitment to the NSG. Personnel from the army/police forces serve in the NSG on deputation.
- Some of the major operations of the NSG include:
  - Operation Black Thunder (anti-Khalistani operation in the late eighties)
  - Operation Ashwamedh (hijack rescue mission in 1993)
  - Operation Vajra Shakti (Akshardham Temple, Gandhinagar, 2002)
  - Operation Black Thunder (26/11 Mumbai attacks, 2008)



## Functions of National Security Guard

The major functions of the NSG are:

1. Counter hijacking tasks on land, air and sea
2. Post blast investigation
3. Bomb disposal (search, detection & neutralisation of IEDs)
4. VIP security
5. Hostage rescue missions

## NSG Ethos

- Pursuit of excellence
  - Lead from the front
  - Zero error
  - Speed, surprise, stealth, precision and accuracy
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